

NORTHERN ROCKIES FIRE USE MANAGEMENT TEAM

FIRE INFORMATION DAILY FACT SHEET

DATE: June 13, 2006 TIME: 8:00 am
INCIDENT: Blackbird Mine and Meadow Wildland Fire Use Fires
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JURISDICTION: Fishlake National Forest.
INCIDENT COMMANDER: Chuck Stanich/Dave Larsen
AGENCIES: U S Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management
LOCATION: The Blackbird Mine fire is 6 miles east of Marysville, UT. The Meadow fire is 8 miles Southeast of Fillmore, UT.

SIZE: Blackbird Mine 1,463 acres, Meadow 28 acres.

FUEL TYPE & TOPOGRAPHY: Blackbird Mine wildland fire use fire is burning in grass and sagebrush intermixed with pockets of Sub-Alpine Fir and Spruce. The Meadow wildland fire use fire is burning in a mixed White Fir and Aspen fuel type with dead and downed fuel loading. The terrain is steep and rugged with primary accessibility by air.

RESOURCES ASSIGNED:

PERSONNEL: 46

HELICOPTERS: 1

CURRENT SITUATION: The Blackbird Mine and Meadow fires are being managed for wildland fire use. Wildland fire use is the result of a natural event, in this case lightning. Wildland Fire Use fires **are** actively managed for resource benefits; these benefits include the restoration and maintenance of healthy forests, rangelands and wetlands, and supporting ecosystem diversity. Wildland Fire Use fires **are** actively managed to ensure that the fire stays within boundaries and meets objectives. Management actions taken yesterday allowed for the cooling where heat had been identified on the fire edge, without utilizing excessive measures.

Both of these fires remained relatively inactive yesterday with approximately 5 acres of active burning, and no evidence of any running fire. Management of these fires will continue following the planned management actions developed for the fires. The lookout established on Sunset Peak yesterday gave additional monitoring capability to ensure the fire managers have up to date and responsive information.

A **Red Flag** has been issued for today's weather conditions, but temperatures over the fire areas are expected to cool somewhat however, the airmass remains dry. The possibility of dry, thunderstorms will increase throughout the day. Winds should increase in the afternoon with gusts to 35 mph possible. Weather factors are continually assessed for the potential of extreme fire behavior on these fires.

ACTIONS PLANNED: The 20 person handcrew will again be utilized on the Blackbird Mine fire to continue their work on the current fire perimeter and, using minimum impact tactics, check the fire line for any heat present. Hand held infrared technology will again be utilized to detect hot spots. Security of the fire area will continue to insure public safety. The public needs to remember that firefighters are working in the area and to be watching for vehicles and aircraft. Your cooperation is appreciated.

The Meadow fire will be monitored from the established observation point. A helitak crew will also be flown in to work a portion of the existing fire perimeter on the North and West flanks for the same mapping, heat detection, and cooling purposes.

SPECIAL CONCERNS: Firefighter, aircraft operation and public safety is the primary concern on these fires.